

JSC Child Center Newsletter

News and Updates

I would like to thank all of the very nice e-mails the teachers and I have received lately. The last few months have been tough on the center but with thoughtful encouraging words coming from parents it help give us strength. Thank you again for your support.

The school year is about to end and summer is fast approaching. Before the end of May, you will be receiving a fun filled calendar for our SFEI summer camp! If you are new and have not ordered a uniform shirt please do so soon. If you have a fun idea for a field trip, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Kristy Hirning
Director

A Word from the President

Members,

Please join me in congratulating Kristy on receiving her renewal as a qualified director under the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Also note that the school's license was also renewed.

The Director and Staff really do a great job providing activities, learning, and a loving environment for our kids during the day and we should take every opportunity to tell them how much we appreciate it.

Susan Gomez
President SFEI



Hello from Room 1

Wow! How the time flies when you're having fun. Here it is spring already. Ms Sandra, Ms Amalia, Ms Teresa, Ms Cynthia and Ms Dianna have truly enjoyed working with such a great group of kids and parents.

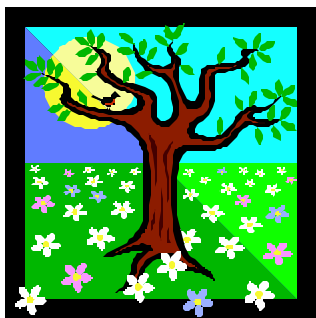
The kids have accomplished a lot over the past months. Ryan, Keoni and Alysa use a spoon now to feed themselves. Nathan, Arthur, Tarali and Ashley are now eating regular food instead of baby food. William is now pulling up to a standing position. It won't be long before Caleb and Drake are crawling across the room.

Birthdays Arthur 4-13, Ashley 4-18, William 4-21, Nathan 6-3, Tarali 4-21, Drake 7-11 and Caleb 7-23

We would like to thank all the parents for your help with the Easter Party. The kids had a great time.

Upcoming Events: Muffins for Mom May 6th, Individual pictures May 10th, Pictures return for viewing on May 24th, Donuts for Dad June 17th.

We are looking forward to a fun summer!



Spring is a time for growth and renewal and our little toddlers in room 2 are doing just that.

-Room 2

Spring is in the Air - Room 2

They are feeling all the buzzing going around. With so many new accomplishments, challenges, and goals, the setting has been exhilarating. That's the buzz. First of all, we have 3 of our butterflies fluttering their wings to introduction of potty training. This has been a major accomplishment. Eight out of 12 toddlers have graduated from using the sippy cup to now using the cafeteria cups. The other four bumblebees will soon follow.

Our toddlers are all holding spoons very well and the idea of holding it correctly still looks challenging in their little hands. They are getting good at washing their own hands too.

Our next goal for our toddlers is to practice brushing their teeth with plain water. We know our little people in room 2: Julia, Kiersten, Autumn, Aubrey, Troy, Cobe, Victoria, Grace, Ella, Katalia, Jack, and our newest classmate Olivia Bolster will master this skill quickly.

We are sad to see Desmond Decker leave us to go to a Montessori day care but he will be coming back to say his good-byes.

A big THANK YOU to all our parents in room 2 who supplied delicious refreshments for our two big parties: St. Patrick's Day and Easter. For our St. Patrick's Day party we ate green applesauce, green apples and more. During Easter, we ate cheese and crackers with juice and the big white bunny came. Just a few friends were brave enough to walk up close to the bunny and meet him. That will come in time.... We also had an egg hunt outside and the kids truly enjoyed opening their eggs and looking for goodies. Thanks parents for partying with us.

The buzz news is that room 2 toddlers have broaden their horizon with vocabulary expansion, improving art skills, graduating to cafeteria cups, beginning potty training, holding spoons and soon tooth brushing practice.

Got to go and smell the fresh clean air so until next time, we are flying away.

Love ya,
Room 2 Teachers

Room 3 News

Ms. Wanda, Ms. Joy and Ms. Sharisse Have really enjoyed being able to work with such great kid's.

The children have accomplish the following so far this year.

Accomplishments:

1. We now have several children working hard at being potty trained.
2. Kobi has now joined Madeline, Nathan, Arkadia, Makai, Sammy and Ally on "Tumble Bus".
3. We are now eating breakfast and morning snack in the lunch room and will soon be eating lunch and afternoon snack there too!

Past events:

1. The children loved seeing the Easter Bunny and the Easter egg hunt.

Thank you:

A big thank you goes out to our room captain Trish Caffey and Co-captain Teresa Shurtz for all their great work they are doing.

Birthdays:

We have had a busy winter and now spring is here and summer is coming. We are all starting to turn 3 years old starting with Ally (4-22), Madison (7-1), Makai (7-10), Sammy (7-12), Madeline (7-26), Arkadia (7-27), Nathan (8-13), Kobi (8-14), Riley (8-27), Kenny (9-7), Scott (9-18) and Gage (10-23).

Up Coming Events:

- Muffins for Mom May 6th.
- Class pictures, May 10th & 11th.
- Teachers Appreciating Week, May 16 – 20th.
- Last day of school, May 27th.
- Donuts for Dads, June 17th.
- We are also looking forward to summer and doing lots of fun things such as water play every week.

Happy Springtime Everyone - Room 4

Our little people from room 4 are very busy, like always. They have learned to be big kids and take their own tray to the table in the cafeteria. They are working on counting to 15 and recognition on letters is really GGGreat!!!! Some of kids can spell their own name and almost everybody can match name and pictures of their classmates.

We are having fun taking turns playing with our computer; we have fun with our "trip" to look at our school bus, (maybe next time when everybody turns three we can go somewhere).

Because we are into the spring season, we planted some watermelons and pretty flower seeds that Joel, Libby, Tom and Whit's parents brought. We hope that something grows from this because we want to warn you that Ms. Sandi and Ms. Teresa doesn't have a green thumb.

Our girls and boys like to dress up like princesses, and they also like to Become "Spiderman"! Thank you goes to Halle's grandmother who sewed some really neat caps for us.

We are sad to say "Hasta la vista, Baby" to Jackson, his family is moving to Virginia, we will miss our sweet, sweet boy.

Lots and lots of thanks to our Room Captains Jill and Melanie. They are awesome. Also big thanks go to our parents for all the help with snacks, supplies, books, games, toys, etc. etc

We ask the children, after reading "The very hungry caterpillar" Where does the butterfly go?

Ryan: To his house

Halle: Fly to the sky

Joel: in my house

Jackson: in the eggs

Jenna: flies to the store

Vivek: to the lawn

Siddharth: to the tree

Tom: to the pictures

Angus: on the window

Libby: to the butterfly home

Whit: to the dentist

Rachel: to the flower

Logan: – the pointed outside-

Chad: she flies on my head

Until next time,

Ms. Teresa

Ms. Sandy



Hello Again From Room 5

This school year has been a lot of fun and full of learning. We have all mastered writing our names and the letters of the alphabet. We have moved up to the big puzzles (24 pieces) WOW!!!!

We enjoy playing outside. We have learned that some of us don't like to go round and round on the tire swing.....it makes our stomachs feel yucky! We like our new basketball goal and are goal is to learn how to dribble. Look out Rockets!

We also love to dance in class. We show Ms. Jamie and Georgia how to groove. They need to improve in that area ☺.

This summer we have fieldtrips being planned for us, what fun.... A summer calendar will come out before the end of May. Ms. Jamie will work with the older kids this summer. We will miss her!

Happy birthday goes to Kristina, Ethan, Nicholas, Garrett, and Jake! They are all now 4!

We would like to thank all the parents who helped with all our parties through out the year; they had been a lot of fun.

Ms Jamie

Ms Georgia



GO ROCKETS!!



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Well here we are in April, and only two months until the end of school, Wow! This year has really blown by. We have learned so much this year already, we are at the end of our letters. The children are able to identify each letter and sound it out. They know all of their shapes, and they can tell me the names of there colors in English and Spanish.

In March, the children were excited to learn about leprechauns. Each child decorated his or her own box at home, and then went on a treasure hunt to see where the leprechauns hid. The children had a blast, and were also very proud of the boxes they made.

At the end of March, we learned all about the Easter bunny. The children loved learning new songs and had fun making all kinds of Easter crafts, especially dying Easter eggs.

During the month of April we will be studying butterflies, (I think Miss Evelyn has confiscated every book on butterflies that exist). The "Butterfly counting book" by Jerry Pallota is very good and "I wish I were a Butterfly" by James Howe, is also a good book. The children's favorite is the "Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle. The children have been fascinated learning about the metamorphic changes of the caterpillar. We are doing a craft project in our room to reinforce the lesson. We started our projects by first making caterpillars out of clothespins and pom poms, then the children put them in a toilet paper roll and decorated it to make the chrysalis, and the final stage is when they break the caterpillar out of the toilet paper roll and turn the caterpillar into a butterfly by putting coffee filter wings on the clothespin.

We would like to thank all of the parents in our room for all of their contributions this year (especially for supplying our rabbit and guinea pig food and supplies), and also for all of the other donations we have asked from you throughout the year. Without your support our class would not be as wonderful as it is.

Thank you so much
Miss Tess and Miss Evelyn

Greetings from Room 7

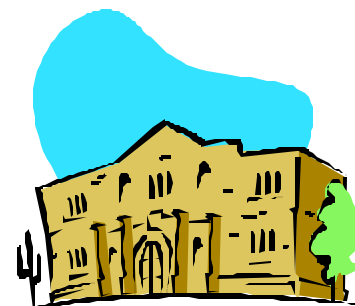
Can you believe the end of the year is here! The children have been growing by leaps and bounds. We can hardly believe they are they are the same little kids who came into our room last August. They are learning and growing so very fast. Every day they amaze us and make us laugh. The children are reading now and reading very well. We are so very proud of them! They have been working very hard. They are also learning to add and subtract. They also have learned about many different countries and can tell you something interesting about them. They were great on all our field trips and it was fun taking them. It has been our pleasure teaching your children and learning from them. We hope your year in our room has been as great for you as it was for us.

While the children said many interesting and funny things throughout the year our favorite came during the telling of the battle at the Alamo. In the middle of telling the children that the Texans were fighting the Mexican Army, one of the boys stopped me with a very confused look on his face and said: "Wait a minute, Ms. Ricki, are you telling me the Football Team were fighting the Mexican Army?"

Thanks for a great year!!!

Ms. Ricki

Ms. El



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Pre-K Room

The year has almost come to an end for Pre-K and we have learned so much! We are currently practicing our sounding of one-vowel words, one-vowel word rules and how to mark short vowels within words for help when sounding. It has been a long time coming, but we are finally getting the hang of it. Soon we will be practicing two-vowel words and their rules when sounding. In Math we have continued counting practice to 100, writing numbers 1-40, and using our problem solving skills to solve simple addition and subtraction problems with the help of games. While minimal time is spent on Academics, ample time is spent in child selected activities. Our most popular center has been computers this year so we have taken advantage of the use of the school's computer lab to accommodate all of the children at once. You would be amazed at what the children know how to do on a computer. They have been quick learners.

Soon we will begin preparing for our annual graduation program, which brings our school year even closer to the end. We have had much fun and made many good friends.

Here are some of the children's responses to being asked what their favorite part of Pre-K has been this year:

Sara A- "Having nice teachers"

Emma W.- "going to the computer lab"

Skyla- "I like the toys."

Dominik- "when I learn the words I don't know how to read yet"

Lucas- "playing trains"

Brandon- "home center"

Matthew T.- "trains and computers"

Nathanael- "the little legos"

Rieka J.- "I like to play in the science center."

Avery- "going in the home center"

Trevor- "learning how to read"

Bianca- "computers"

Ben- "when we do centers"

Just to let everyone know ahead of time, Ms. Vanessa will be leaving for the Summer to go and coordinate the NASA Summer Camp for the older children. She will return for the 2005-2006 School Year.

Thanks for an Awesome Year!!

Ms. Vanessa & Ms. Scott

Kindergarten Room Updates

The past few weeks we have been studying Once Upon A Time fairy tales... At the end of our study, we did a survey of our dads and moms... Cinderella won big time!!

In March, we celebrated the birthdays of Curious George, Big Bird, and Dr. Suess. In the midst of our celebration we have studied ABC order, how to read graphs, subtraction to 10, different adjectives, verbs, and nouns.

We have sent Flat Stanley to visit all over the USA. We are having fun reading about his different adventures when he gets back to Houston.

Easter was celebrated with an Easter egg hunt and picnic. We even had wildflowers picked by the children for each of our picnic areas. Fun was had by all!

We are beginning to study things about spring...butterflies & creepy critters. We will be planting herbs in individual pots to enjoy in our classroom. Thanks to Logan's mom Linda Spuler.

We will finish the year with dinosaurs, astronauts/space, rainforest and Earth Day.



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